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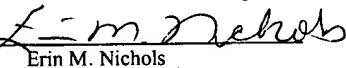
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The pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2. No amendments to the claims are presented.